

[1st April 1930]

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—"May I ask the hon. Minister what is the percentage of proposals that were turned down by His Excellency?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"These proposals are confidential and divulging any further information will mean breaking confidence."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"May I know whether all proposals relating to appointments are deemed confidential or only such proposals as relate to the personnel?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"Proposals relating to appointments are confidential and should not be divulged."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"Are all the proposals relating to appointments confidential?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"Yes, that is what it means."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"May I know in how many cases the hon. Minister differed from the recommendation of the Surgeon-General and in how many such cases the Governor made appointments against the Minister's recommendation?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"As I have already stated nothing can be divulged."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—"I suppose the Surgeon-General's recommendations are submitted to His Excellency through the Minister?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"Yes, Sir."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—"In how many cases, was the recommendation of the Surgeon-General agreed to by the Minister?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"I can only say that any further information as regards this is confidential."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—"May I know whether when His Excellency makes the appointment, he consults the Minister?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"I think even the exact procedure followed in making the appointments is also confidential."

Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI:—"May I ask whether the information that appointments are made in consultation with the Minister is confidential or whether appointments are made independently of the Minister is confidential."

Mr. S. N. DORAI RAJA:—"May I ask the hon. Minister whether the Surgeon-General has any opportunity of making appointments?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"The question does not arise."

*Honorary appointments in the Mangalore Headquarters hospital.*

\*1765 Q.—Mr. N. SRINIVASA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) the number of medical men recommended by the District Medical Officer, Mangalore, to hold honorary appointments in the Headquarters Hospital, Mangalore;